

labouring classes of the community can only be effected by abolishing all laws restricting the importation of food; we, therefore, most humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to withhold your royal sanction from any Act which may be passed to tax articles of food, or restrict their free importation into this country.

Signed by order of Court,
Edward Tyrrell.

To which Address Her Majesty was graciously pleased to return the following answer:

"The distress of any portion of my subjects is regarded by me with sympathy and regret.

"The measures, which I have directed to be submitted to Parliament, are framed with a sincere desire to promote the general good; and I have no doubt that they will receive impartial and deliberate consideration.

"I fully rely on the wisdom of Parliament, and on their regard for the welfare of all classes of my people."

They were all very graciously received.

Buckingham-Palace, April 12, 1842.

LIST of Addresses of Congratulation, transmitted for presentation to His Royal Highness Prince Albert, on the occasion of the Birth of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and presented to His Royal Highness by the Right Honourable the Marquess of Exeter:

From the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the county of Kent.

From the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and others, inhabiting the county of Monmouth.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Dover, in the county of Kent.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Bridgwater.

From the Inhabitants of the borough of Bridgwater.
From the Inhabitants of Sheerness and the isle of Sheppy.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient and loyal town and borough of Carnarvon.

From the Inhabitants of the borough of Newport, in the county of Monmouth.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, Clergy, and other Inhabitants of the ancient and loyal borough of Monmouth.

From the Clergy, Gentry, and Inhabitants of the town of Congleton and its neighbourhood.

From the Inhabitants of the town and county and borough of Poole.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the borough of Northampton.

From the Rector and Inhabitants of the parish of Woodstock.

From the President, Council, and Fellows of the Aenean Society of London.

From the Members of the Beverley Conservative Association,

From the Officers and Brethren of the Tredegar district of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, April 11, 1842.

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the following Knight Companions, in their mantles and collars, assembled at the Palace, viz.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince George of Cambridge; his Grace the Duke of Rutland, his Grace the Duke of Wellington, the Marquess of Anglesey, the Marquess of Exeter, his Grace the Duke of Richmond, his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, and his Grace the Duke of Sutherland, attended by the under-mentioned Officers, in their mantles, chains, and badges, viz. the Lord Bishop of Winchester, the Prelate of the Order; the Honourable and Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Registrar of the Order; Sir William Woods, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms; and Sir Augustus-William-James Clifford, Baronet, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Shortly after one o'clock, the Knights Companions were called over by Garter, and, with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign in the Throne-room.

The Sovereign being seated in the chair of state, and the Knights Companions having taken their respective places at the table, the Prelate of the Order, by Her Majesty's command, read a new statute, declaring His Majesty Frederick-Augustus King of Saxony, a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Prelate then signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's royal will and pleasure that the four vacant stalls in the Royal Chapel of St. George at Windsor be filled; and as, by the statutes, none but a Knight can be elected, His Grace Henry Duke of Beaufort was introduced by Garter and Black Rod, and knighted by Her Majesty with the Sword of State, and His Grace, having kissed the Sovereign's hand, retired. After which James-Brownlow-William Marquess of Salisbury, and Henry Duke of Cleveland were, in like manner, severally and successively introduced and knighted with the same ceremonies.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the election; and the suffrages having been collected by the Prelate were by him presented to the Sovereign, who was pleased to command him to declare, and he accordingly declared, that the Most Noble Henry Duke of Beaufort had been duly elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Then, by the Sovereign's command, His Grace was received, at the door of the Chapter-room, by the Duke of Buccleuch and the Duke of Sutherland, the two Junior Knights Companions present, and conducted between them to Her Majesty, preceded by Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon